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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities
Meeting Minutes
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office
July 10, 2024

President Brian Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Brian Hatfield, Marshall Jenkins, Mike Gerth, Dale Boyd, Judi Johnson-Stevens. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), Chelsea Kummer (CSR) and (2) members of the public.

Approval of Minutes:

June 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes and June 26, 2024, special public meeting minutes were presented.

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the June 12, 2024, minutes as presented. Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed (5-0).

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the June 26, 2024, minutes as presented. Mike Gerth seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0). Brian Hatfield abstained due to not attending the meeting.

Members of the public:

There were 2 (two) members of the public present.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. Jeff informed the board that the part for the blower at the wastewater plant has arrived. It was originally going to be between 10 and 12 weeks, it arrived in less than two weeks, Jeff has scheduled the blower to be installed by BL Anderson. There was then discussion whether to rebuild the unit that failed, after discussion Jeff is to get a price on the rebuild of a unit and report back to the board. Marshall Jenkins asked if the Wastewater Plant has repairs on the horizon and Jeff informed them that the grit pump may need to be replaced as it is nearing 15 years old. We will begin to build a replacement plan for the high wear and tear parts at the plant. The last update from the Superintendent was the lead service line inventory is over halfway completed and barring any issues will be completed well before the deadline.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. The first discussion item was we now have fully made the switch on phones and internet away from comcast and will be doing away with those services within the next month which will save over \$2,000 per year in phone and internet fees.



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Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report. Mike also gave a brief update on the bond holder and how they approve of the path we are on and ask us to maintain the course we are on in paying back the bond.

Claims were discussed and after discussion Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims and it was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion to approve the claims was approved (5-0).

Old Business:

The RFP was the next item for discussion. President Hatfield has met with all entities involved and all groups have committed to funding and selected a representative to participate in the scoring to select a firm. There was discussion as to a location to host, it was between Zimmerman's law office and the RDC Office. One of the groups who submitted a proposal was present, HWC. They introduced themselves to the board.

New Business:

The first item of new business was Personal Protective Equipment. Andrew and Jeff discussed how JNRU is deficient in some of our training and equipment. Chelsea Kummer discussed her husband is a certified OSHA Inspector and after a brief overview of our policies and equipment gave us several areas available for improvement. After more discussion it was asked of the board to approve \$5,000 for equipment, training and materials related to PPE and training. The motion was made by Mike Gerth and seconded by Marshall Jenkins; the motion passed unanimously (5-0). It should be taken from the 5020-budget line. It was also discussed to investigate an AED.

The next item for discussion was the possibility of Jeff Maddux renting JNRU lab space/ time if He were to become a certified operator of another utility part time. After discussion over possible liability the issue was tabled. The motion to table was made by Marshall Jenkins and seconded by Mike Gerth and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). It was requested by the board to investigate liability with insurance.

The P&L insurance renewal was presented to the board, after brief discussion and noting the premium overall decreased, Marshall Jenkins made the motion to accept the renewal and the motion was seconded by Mike Gerth and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Judi Johnson-Stevens and Seconded by Mike Gerth. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

Members

Brian Hatfield

Signatures



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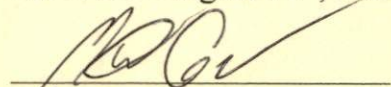
Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: August 14th, 2024


Mike Gerth, Secretary

